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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*



**Christmas Eve Worship**

December 24, 2021

5:00pm Service

Lutheran Church of the Cross

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
***The Nativity of our Lord—Christmas Eve Service***  
December 24, 2021 5:00pm Service  
*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**MUSICAL WELCOME**

You are invited to sing with the River Worship Team throughout our worship.  
All songs and worship liturgy will be projected on the screens for your use.

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

<i>“I Wonder if He Knew”</i>	<b>River Worship Team + Special Guest Singers</b>
<i>“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”</i>	<b>Congregational Sing Along</b>
<i>“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”</i>	<b>Congregational Sing Along</b>
<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	<b>Congregational Sing Along</b>
<i>“Angels We Have Heard on High”</i>	<b>Congregational Sing Along</b>
<i>“Hope Was Born This Night”</i>	<b>River Worship Team + Special Guest Singers</b>

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS LITANY**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**FIRST READING:** **Isaiah 9:2-7**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** **Psalm 96**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *“How Quietly”*

~ **Given by Paul Gurholt and family**  
*In memory of Marcia Gurholt*

~ **Given by Richard, Ken Ron, Pam Ottenbacher**  
*In memory of Ed & Ella Ottenbacher*

~ **Given by David & Kathy Drovdal**  
*In memory of Scott David Drovdal*

~ **Given by Shirley Grondahl**  
*In memory of C.R. Grondahl*

~ **Given by Arvid & Shiela Mugaas**  
*In memory of Terry Walhaug*

~ **Given by Steve & Cheryl Neu**  
*In memory of Evelyn Nylen. In honor of our children and grandchildren*

~ **Given by Kerry Carpenter**  
*In memory of Roger & Delores Carpenter and Carter Carpenter*

~ **Given by LorRaine Riveland**  
*In memory of Roger Riveland, Art & Dora Strand, and Orivel Harstad*

~ **Given by the Suess-Hocker Family**  
*In memory of Grandpa Roger Suess*

~ **Given by Bill & Shirley Zinsli**  
*In memory of our parents Angie & Perry Zinski  
In honor of our children and grandchildren*

~ **Given by Amy, Aaron and families**  
*In honor of Elizabeth Bette Fockler*





- ~ **Given by John & Janet Doerner**  
*In memory of Joyce Amundson, wife of Keith.*
- ~ **Given by Roger & Cherie Krueger**  
*In memory of our heavenly families  
In honor of our children and grandchildren*
- ~ **Given by Mavis Pommerer**  
*In memory of Roger Pommerer  
In honor of all our men and women serving in the military*
- ~ **Given by Bruce & Peggy Hetland**  
*In memory of Brad James Hetland*
- ~ **Given by Arlene, Robin, Collete, Elizabeth, Heather Hoglund**  
*In loving memory of Bob Hoglund*
- ~ **Given by Sally & Terry Grenz**  
*In memory of Mary Weinberg, Merritt & Clara Thornburg*
- ~ **Given by Lois Hanson**  
*In honor of the River and all musicians who share their talent so our  
worship is enhanced.*
- ~ **Given by Bob & Barb Wilson**  
*In memory of Kenneth & Stela Wilson, Harold & Violet Gritmacher*
- ~ **Given by Brian Dahl Family**  
*In memory of Phillip & Vivian Dahl*
- ~ **Given by Don & Steph Borud**  
*In memory of Dode & Jack Huss*
- ~ **Given by Marjo & Jim Hewitson**  
*In honor of our family*

**SECOND READING:** Titus 2:11-14

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** “All Hail King Jesus”

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 2:1-20

**SERMON** *Pastor Lisa Ahlness*

**SONG OF THE DAY:** “Silent Night”

**NICENE CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER**

WE SHARE THE MEAL

**PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *(spoken)*

**INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER** *All Are Welcome*

**COMMUNION SONGS:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
“What Child is This”

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION:** “Final Blessing” by Holden

**CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG:** “O Holy Night”

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE SONG:** “Joy to the World”

*(All children are welcome to come to the front and  
play instruments during the Worship Team’s postlude song)*



- ~ **Given by Mike, Kim, Nate, Grace Humann**  
*In memory of Gerald & Darleen McLaughlin, Ray and Loretta Humann*
- ~ **Given by the Harris Family; Tom, Kari, Kay, Kolton**  
*In honor of the Drevecky family, and the Harris family*
- ~ **Given by Art Wheeler**  
*In memory of Florence Wheeler, Ken & Gertrude Wheeler, Oscar & Anne Fiske*
- ~ **Given by Jerry & Patty Hanson**  
*In memory of Scott Kennedy and Barb Hanson*
- ~ **Given by John & Jean Kraft**  
*In honor of our family*
- ~ **Given by Kay & Jim Miller**  
*In memory of family, parents & sister  
In honor of Terra & Mike Miller Bowley, Krisi, Tim, Brandon Kunz*
- ~ **Given by Donna Belisle**  
*In memory of Gene Belisle*
- ~ **Given by Maggie & David Anderson**  
*In memory of Mary Trzynka*
- ~ **Given by Sharon & Wayne Narum**  
*In memory of our parents  
In honor of our anniversary*
- ~ **Given by LaVern Hanson**  
*In memory of Jenifer Hanson*

- ~ **Given by Ken & Karen Will**  
*In memory of our parents and brother*
- ~ **Given by Lisa Ahlness and Van Vechten Crane**  
*In memory of Hans Ahlness, Paul Ahlness, Richard & Mary Crane*
- ~ **Given by Agnes Christianson & family**  
*In memory of Conrad Christianson*
- ~ **Given by John, Mark Erickstad and families**  
*In memory of Ralph & Lois Erickstad*
- ~ **Given by Roger & Esther Anderson**  
*In memory of our children & spouses, grand children  
& great grandchildren*
- ~ **Given by Pam Wheeler**  
*In memory of Gerridee Wheeler, Emma, Stenehjem, and Martin & Peggy Stenehjem.*
- ~ **Given by Hoffer family**  
*In memory of Pam Hodnefield*
- ~ **Given by Janice & Keven Martin**  
*In memory of Bernice & Vic Goetz; Janice's parents*
- ~ **Given by the Krumwiede family**  
*In memory of Faye Krumwiede and Ray Staiger*
- ~ **Given by JoAnn Neu**  
*In memory of Melvin Neu*
- ~ **Given by Janie Hague**  
*In memory of Paulette Hague*

